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Title: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF POSITIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, NICKEL ELECTRODE USING THE SAME MATERIAL AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME NICKEL ELECTRODE

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Date: April 14, 2004

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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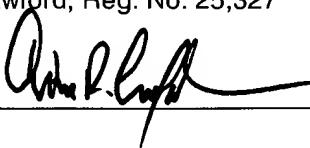
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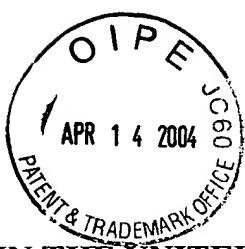
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AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due February 26, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$420 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now April 26, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.